

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION HONORING BETHLEHEM APOSTOLIC TEMPLE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Bethlehem Apostolic Temple is celebrating their 73rd Church Anniversary; and Whereas, Dr. D.W. Cummings, Senior Pastor, is celebrating his 25th Anniversary with Bethlehem Apostolic Temple; and

Whereas, Bethlehem Apostolic Temple and Dr. D.W. Cummings have served and worshipped with their community with devotion and care; and

Whereas, I wish Bethlehem Apostolic Temple and Dr. D.W. Cummings the best of luck in all of their future endeavors.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Bethlehem Apostolic Temple and Dr. D.W. Cummings as they celebrate these momentous occasions.

HONORING MARY RUTHSDOTTER FOR INFLUENCING THE IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN'S HISTORY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Mary Ruthsdotter, of Sebastopol, California. Mary will be 61 years old on October 14, an appropriate occasion to reflect on her profound influence on the recognition of the historical importance of women in this country.

In 1980, with Molly Murphy MacGregor, Maria Cuevas, Paula Hammett and Bette Morgan, Mary founded the National Women's History Project (NWHF) in Santa Rosa, California. It was both the fulfillment of a dream to organize a national clearinghouse and curriculum development center and the beginning of a sustained effort to celebrate the diverse and historic accomplishments of women.

Mary's passion for women's issues began shortly after she moved to Sonoma County from southern California with her husband David Crawford and her daughter Alice. Although not previously involved in the burgeoning women's movement, she became interested after receiving a letter from the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Woman and volunteered to work for the group (she later became Chair). She soon realized the Commission could not provide all the needed services for women and was instrumental in organizing the nonprofit Women's Support Network to fill these gaps and operate as an umbrella agency for other groups.

The NWHF, with the assistance of other supporters, spearheaded the movement for

National Women's History Week leading to the designation of March as National Women's History Month in 1987. This designation raised the group's national profile; however, Mary's work with them involved much more.

In the days when the Internet was not available for widespread communication, Mary established a nation-wide network and newsletter and was instrumental in providing resource materials and lists to schools. She co-produced a video series, *Women in American Life*, as well as the first video documenting the role of Latino women, *Adelante, Mujeres*. Publishers all over the country sent thousands of books as Mary coordinated book reviews on the subject of women in history. She later indexed all the selections and donated them to Sonoma State University. In fact, she still reads women's biographies for fun.

Mary's can-do attitude, high energy, organization, and up-beat optimism are hallmarks of all aspects of her life. Several years ago she and her husband were leaders in organizing an "intentional community," a co-housing project in Sebastopol, CA, where people of different ages and backgrounds could share in and enrich each other's lives. They have recently returned from visiting their daughter, son-in-law, and grandson in Australia.

Recently, Mary worked as a field representative for State Assemblymember Patricia Wiggins who described how creatively "Mary never gave up when she was providing service and refused to let the bureaucracy interfere in her progress." When a local hospital encountered long delays from the State in securing certification for a newly hired physician, Mary got busy on the phone. When she asked where his application was in the stack, her contact replied, "On the bottom." So, Mary said, "Well, why don't you just put it on the top?" The worker did, and the hospital received certification immediately. She was the heroine in many, many similar situations.

Mr. Speaker, as Mary wrote in her article *Women and Equal Rights*, "Today, America is living the legacy of the great progress women have made, while their earnest quest for full and true equality continues." Mary Ruthsdotter exemplifies the passion and spirit behind this quest. She is a role model for young women and an inspiration for all of us. Thank you, Mary, for all you are and what you mean to so many.

TRIBUTE TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the San Mateo County Medical Association as it celebrates a century of service to the people of San Mateo County, California.

In response to an invitation from the California Medical Association, a handful of Penin-

sula physicians met in the front parlor of the Union Hotel in the City of San Mateo, California, on December 22, 1904, to discuss the creation of a local society. The doctors reconvened on January 16th of the next year and elected the distinguished Dr. Harry Garrison Plymire of South San Francisco as their temporary President. The first official meeting of the San Mateo County Medical Society was called to order on September 12, 1905, and 16 physicians were listed as charter members. The constitution of the new organization stated that its purpose was to "promote the science, and art of medicine while conserving and advancing public health."

The Society incorporated as the San Mateo County Medical Association in 1992 and it continues its constitutional mission of promoting the art and science of medicine and advancing public health. It publishes a pictorial directory of physicians as well as 10 editions of a bulletin each year. Various Association committees examine medical issues to interpret current practices and foster new professional insights. Together with the California Medical Association, the San Mateo County Medical Association shares the primary goals of organized medicine for the State of California: To educate and serve physicians, promote quality health care for the people of the State and create a strong voice on health care issues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the San Mateo County Medical Association and all of its members, both past and present, for their extraordinary service to our community and our country.

ON THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding church in my district, First Christian Church, located in the great city of Fort Worth, Texas. On Sunday, October 2, 2005, First Christian Church celebrates the 150th anniversary of its organization which began in 1855 in the home of Dr. and Carroll Peak.

The First Christian Church holds the distinction of being Fort Worth's oldest continuously operating church, forming just 6 years after Major Ripley Arnold brought a unit of the U.S. Army to a cliff overlooking the Trinity River to establish a military outpost in 1849 that he named in honor of his commanding general. Today, First Christian Church continues as a vibrant, engaged church located in the heart of downtown Fort Worth, one of the great downtowns in America. Appropriately, the church's theme for its 150th anniversary celebration is "From the Frontier to the Future."

The First Christian Church and its members have served the Fort Worth community well

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